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SUBJECT: UK BANS HERRING FISHING

1. FISHERIES DIVISION OF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD
AND FISHERIES ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 9 THAT NORTH SEA HER-
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RING FISHING WILL BE PROHIBITED WITHIN 12-MILE LIMIT

FROM MIDNIGHT SEPTEMBER 19 TO MIDNIGHT DECEMBER 31. IN ADDITION, LICENSES TO BRITISH VESSELS FISHING FOR NORTH SEA HERRING WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SAME PERIOD. MOVE IS DESIGNED TO STOP WHAT FISHERIES DIVISION CONSIDERS TO BE SERIOUS OVER-FISHING OF HERRING STOCKS. INITIAL INDUSTRY REACTION HAS BEEN FAVORABLE WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF SCOTTISH FISHERMEN'S FEDERATION BEING QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE INDUSTRY HAS AGREED TO THIS VOLUNTARY SELF-RESTRAINT BECAUSE THEY DO NOT WANT TO DESTROY THEIR CREDABILITY WITH THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION (NEAFC) AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EEC.

2. TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH (TAC) OF 160,000 TONS OF HERRING WAS AGREED TO AT LAST NEAFC MEETING. UK WAS, HOWEVER, OPPOSED TO THIS FIGURE AS SCIENTISTS FEEL THAT HERRING FISHING IN NORTH SEA SHOULD BE SUSPENDED FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR IN ORDER TO RESTORE STOCKS TO THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE LEVEL. BOTH NORWAY AND UK OFFICIALLY OBJECTED TO THE QUOTA AND THEREFORE WERE NOT BOUND BY IT. THIS HAS RESULTED IN BRITISH FISHERMEN TAKING 20,000 TONS OF HERRING THIS YEAR, AS OPPOSED TO THEIR QUOTA OF 9,500. AS SOON AS OFFICIALS BECAME AWARE OF THE SIZE OF THE TAKE, THE DECISION WAS MADE TO BAN FURTHER FISHING.

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